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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at Page 17, Line 12 extending through page 17, line 22 with the following paragraph:

Here, μ is the mean of the cluster with index ab.

Distance between two discrete cluster attributes is :

$$\text{dist_d}(\text{conf}(\text{PC}_{ab}), \text{conf}(\text{PC}_{cd})) = |\text{prob}(\text{conf}(\text{PC}_{ab})) - \text{prob}(\text{conf}(\text{PC}_{cd}))|$$
. One then must take into account all the M attributes that are discrete: